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## SOLD TRIP AT THREE PORTS

### Sch. Natalie J. Nelson Rushed to Bare Market.

It is not often that a vessel lands fish at three places while on one trip, but this is the case of sch. Natalie J. Nelson, which arrived here last night.

The vessel has been fishing off here on Cashes and hearing from a passing vessel that market fish were way up and scarce, Capt. Albert Larkin headed for Portland one day last week and hit a bare market, getting \$1300 for the market fish he took out. Then he hustled back on the ground, did some more fishing and made Boston yesterday, where he took out 20,000 pounds of market fish, and then brought the balance, 70,000 pounds, to this port to the splitters. The crew are looking for a stock of \$2500 or \$2600 out of it, and it looks as if they had hit it about right.

Two more of the North Bay mackerel fleet are home, sch. Lena and Maud, with 102 barrels and sch. Pinta with 50 barrels.

Sch. Yakima, Capt. Robert Wharton, from a Quero Bank shack trip, has a good fare, 90,000 pounds of fresh cod and 30,000 pounds of salt cod. Two of the eastern deck handliners are home.

Sch. Miranda, Capt. James McDonald, has a fine catch, 95,000 pounds of salt cod, and sch. Mary A. Gleason, Capt. Frank Woollard, has 40,000 pounds.

Four of the pollockers are in with good catches and the torchers brought in 150 barrels of fresh herring, with quite a lot of large ones among them.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Pauline, shore, 43,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Norman Fisher, shore, 30,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Thalia, shore, 28,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Jubilee, shore, 35,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Yakima, Quero Bank, 90,000 lbs. fresh cod, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Miranda, Quero Bank, deck handlining, 95,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason, Quero Bank, deck handling, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Lena and Maud, North Bay, 102 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Pinta, North Bay, 50 bbls. salt mackerel.

Boats and torchers, 150 bbls. fresh herring.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Massasoit, shore.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, shore.

Sch. Tecumseh, shore.

Sch. Ethel B. Penney, shore.

Sch. Aspinet, shore.

Sch. Topsail Girl, shore.

Sch. Pythian, pollocking.

Sch. Thalia, pollocking.

Sch. Emily Sears, pollocking.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, pollocking.

Sch. Emerald, pollocking.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, haddocking.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, Maine port.

Sch. Tartar, haddocking.

Sch. Albert W. Black, haddocking.

Sch. Meteor, Newfoundland salt herring trip.

Sch. Judique, Newfoundland salt herring trip.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.

Sch. Galatea, shore.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, shore.

Sch. Athena, shore.

Sch. Minerva, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

Sch. Leo, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Sch. Yankee, shore.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, shore.

Sch. Almeida, shore.

Sch. Norman Fisher, pollocking.

Sch. Margie Smith, pollocking.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, shore.

#### Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.

Outside sales, fresh western cod,

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large, \$2; market, \$1.65; haddock, 65c and 67 1-2c.

Outside sales fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium, \$1.40.

Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Salt, dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.

Round pollock, 55 cts. per cwt.

Outside sales of round pollock, 60c per cwt.

Bank halibut, 12 cts. per lb. right through for white and gray.

Small lots of fresh halibut, 19 cts lb.

Flitched halibut, 8 1-4 cts. per lb.

Salt large shore mackerel, rimmed, late caught, \$38 per bbl. for large and \$22 for medium.

North Bay salt mackerel, \$22 per bbl.

Board of trade prices:

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.

Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.

Trawl bank cod, large \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large; \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

The Lunenburg sch. Defender sailed from her home port October 26 for Bay of Islands, N. F., for a load of salt herring.

Sch. Colonial was at Canso, N. S., Wednesday, with 75,000 pounds of salt cod on board.

Sch. George Campbell was at Shelbourne, N. S., Wednesday and cleared.

Sch. Argo, formerly of this port, arrived at Louisburg, C. B., Wednesday, bound for Halifax from Burgeo, N. F., with a cargo of 1200 quintals of cured fish.

Sch. Captor was at Halifax, N. S., Wednesday with a fare of 2000 fresh mackerel.

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#### Will Consider New Location.

The members of the New England Fish Exchange at T wharf, Boston, have selected a permanent committee to take charge of procuring the new location for the fish business. The committee is composed of John R. Neal, E. A. Rich, W. J. O'Brien, C. J. Whitman, M. P. Shaw, L. B. Goodspeed, F. J. O'Hara, Sr., N. D. Freeman and J. Burns, Jr.

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## SHORE MACKEREL SEINING CLOSED.

Only One More Vessel to Arrive From North Bay.

Two more of the North bay seining fleet arrived yesterday, leaving but one more of the fleet, sch. Annie Greenlaw to come.

The vessels which came yesterday were schs. Mary E. Harty with 80 barrels and sch. Parthia with 50 barrels of salt mackerel.

The season cannot be called a successful one. The fleet found fish scarce all the season in North bay, while off North Sydney, C. B., there were but few days when any mackerel showed.

The vessels now home number 21, with 1738 barrels, the remaining craft to arrive being credited with 50 barrels.

#### Shore Seining Season Closed.

Sch. Speculator, Capt. Rufus McKay, came in yesterday from shore seining. The Speculator is "the last button on the jacket," as far as shore seining is concerned. She has no fish and her arrival winds up the shore seining season. Capt. McKay has stuck to it in good shape and he and his crew deserved better success for their hanging on so long.

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## HAS LARGEST CODFISH FARE EVER LANDED AT THIS PORT

Sch. Tattler Arrived Yesterday with Her Record Breaking Trip.

Had Been Gone Three and One-Half Months on Trip.

With the largest fare of salt codfish ever brought to this port and with one possible exception the largest fare ever caught and brought to any port on the Atlantic coast in the centuries old record of the fisheries, the big sch. Tattler, Capt. Alden Geel, of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company fleet, arrived here yesterday afternoon. The vessel was very deep in the water and her progress up the harbor was watched by many interested ones on the wharves along the harbor front.

Capt. Geel hails the fare for 500,000 pounds of salt cod. Half a million pounds of salt fish in a vessel is an enormous load, but Capt. Geel thinks he has them all right and he is a pretty good judge. The vessel sailed from here July 15, so that she has been gone only about three months and a half, or 114 days.

The only fare of salt cod which classes with this catch of the Tattler, came in 1888 or 1889, when Capt. T. M. Nicholson landed at Bucksport, Me., in the new three-masted sch. Arthur V. S. Woodruff, a fare approaching the 600,000 pound mark. For this trip however the Woodruff was gone from spring to November, so for quick work the present performance of Capt. Geel is in a class by itself.

The big fare of the Woodruff is remembered by not many here, as it was landed 20 years ago, but those who recall it say that Capt. Nicholson had the new craft full and that the amount was around 600,000 pounds.

Capt. Nicholson is now a big fish dealer and vessel owner himself, owning a big plant and a fleet of seven or eight fine vessels all of which engage annually in the salt codfishery and Newfoundland herring business.

#### Second Trip for Sch. Tattler This Season.

This monster fare of the Tattler is the second which Capt. Geel has made this season, he sailing on the first trip March 27 and returning July 9. This morning, on "fishermen's corner" the quiet skipper was the recipient of many congratulations from vessel owners, skippers and fishermen all of whom were pleased at his big success.

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#### Picked Up Yawl Boat.

Sch. Raymah, which arrived at Boston today, picked up a yawl boat 60 miles southeast from Highland light, belonging to the barge Shenandoah, which was in collision with the steamer Powhatan off Shoeful lightship recently. The Raymah parted her jumbo stay during the gale Saturday night.

#### Good Price for Halibut.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Mattie D. Brundage sold to the American Halibut Company at the big price of 16 cents per pound for white and 13 cents for gray. The vessel went into Portland Saturday with her fare, but the big offer for the fish over the telephone, brought her here to land them.

#### Fares Shipped to Boston.

Schs. James R. Clarke and Viola arrived from the fishing grounds on Wednesday with fares of 8000 pounds and 7000 pounds of mixed fish, respectively. The fares were shipped to Boston.



# FEW HERRING AT THE ARMS

## Main Body of Fish Backward at Bay of Islands.

Dispatches Saturday evening from the herring fleet at Bay of Islands, N. F., puts a little better light on the situation there, but nothing on which too high hopes can be based as yet. Some herring are being taken in the Arms, but it does not seem as though the main body of the fish had yet struck in, and the fact remains that the season is more backward at Bay of Islands than ever before.

The first fall of snow came November 1, and was followed the next two days more heavy rain, which has been the daily condition for some time, in fact it has rained most of the time since October 20.

Not a few of the fishermen attribute the scarcity of herring to the abundance of rain which has fallen during the last three weeks, it being claimed that the large quantities of fresh water which has poured into the Arms from the streams and mountains, has a tendency to keep the herring outside the bay. No large body of herring has put in an appearance.

A few days ago, the fishermen at Wood Island are reported to have taken four barrels of herring to a fleet of nets. The chances are some herring were taken there, but just how many is not known definitely.

### The Herring Fleet.

Thus far this season, 25 vessels have sailed for Newfoundland on herring trips, all but three going for salt herring. Several are booked to get away this week, among them some of the "pan" fleet.

Sch. Arthur James sailed on a Newfoundland salt herring trip today and sch. Indiana will go tomorrow.

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# LARGE RECEIPTS AT T WHARF

## Fishermen However Continue to Get Good Prices.

T wharf is happy with a good lot of fish in this morning, there being 37 crafts in. Some of them have very large cod fares from the eastward, the larger part of which is booked for the splitters here. Outside of these, however, there are some good off-shore fares of haddock and cod and a bunch of shore boats, with live fish. Prices were first-class at the opening and good returns to several of the fleet will accrue.

Three of the eastern shackers, schs. Lillian, Fannie E. Prescott and Conqueror, have from 130,000 to 150,000 pounds each of codfish. Of the South Channel fleet, the steam trawler Spray, schs. Raymah and Squanto have good fares. The shore boat catches range from 6000 to 39,000 pounds, several of the fleet having a good bunch of hake in their trips. Seven of the pollock fleet have fares of from 3000 to 25,000 pounds each.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, of the halibut fleet, has 12,000 pounds of these kind of fish and also some fresh and salt cod. She also brings four late swordfish, which must have been astray from the main herd, and two albacore.

The total receipts at the dock this morning total just about 1,000,000 pounds.

New haddock opened at from \$3 to \$4, the latter figure for the shore boats. Large cod and markets too, of the shore boats, brought \$4, while large off-shore cod fetched \$2.75. Hake ran from 70 cents to \$1.70, the latter for shores large. Pollock were a little better than splitting prices.

### Boston Arrivals.

The receipts in detail are:  
Sch. Marguerite, 6000 cod.  
Sch. Olivia Sears, 3000 pollock.

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Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Viking, 18,000 pollock.  
Sch. Manomet, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 9000 haddock, 4000 cod.  
Sch. Topsail Girl, 2000 haddock, 600 cod.  
Sch. Esther Gray, 3000 cod, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Mabel E. Leavitt, 4000 cod.  
Sch. Waldo L. Stream, 12,000 salt cod, 5000 fresh cod, 4 swordfish, 2 albacore, 12,000 halibut.  
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 6000 hake, 6000 pollock.  
Sch. James and Esther, 19,000 pollock.  
Sch. Appomattox, 18,000 pollock.  
Sch. Conqueror, 2500 cod.  
Sch. Gracie, 2500 cod.  
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake.  
Sch. Raymah, 18,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 25,000 hake, 10,000 pollock.  
Sch. Squanto, 15,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 25,000 hake.  
Steamer Spray, 50,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Lillian, 130,000 cod.  
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 35,000 salt cod, 115,000 fresh cod.  
Sch. Valentinn, 25,000 pollock.  
Sch. Cherokee, 6000 cod, 1500 pollock.  
Sch. Lochinvar 2500 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 hake, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Mildred V. Nunan 25,000 fresh cod.  
Sch. Laura Enos, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Mary T. Fallon 5000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Eva Avina, 10,000 pollock.  
Sch. Teresa and Alice 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 25,000 hake, 3000 cusk.  
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 2500 haddock, 2500 cod, 30,000 hake, 4000 pollock.  
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 6500 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. N. A. Rowe, 6000 cod.  
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 1000 haddock, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Yankee, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Leo, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake.  
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 500 cod, 500 pollock.  
New haddock, \$3 to \$4 per cwt., large cod \$2.75 to \$4; markets, \$1.50 to \$4; hake, 70 cts. to \$1.75; pollock, 65 cts.; halibut, 12 cts. per lb.; swordfish, 12 cts. per lb. albacore, 2 1/2 cts. lb.

### Portland Fish Notes.

The strong breeze and heavy seas prevailing outside Friday made it impossible for the fishermen to set their trawls and most of the vessels that went out in the morning came back empty handed later in the day. The schooners Angie B. Watson and Eva and Mildred, which sold at Boston earlier in the week, returned here Friday, both having made good stocks. About the only fare of any amount landed here Friday was that of sch. Robert and Carr, which vessel had been out about a week. Over 10,000 lobsters were landed by the steamer Robert and Edwin and the smacks Verna G. and Chester A. Kennedy.

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# 1,523,000 LBS. OF SALT COD At This Port Today in Seven Vessels.

The biggest salt cod morning of the year will go to the record of November 8 at this port, for at 7 o'clock a total of 1,523,000 pounds has been recorded for seven vessels. Of this great amount 1,385,000 pounds were in five of the salt bank fleet, all of them home from their second trips. Together with the fresh in the total for the morning is a little over a million and three quarters pounds of fish of all kinds; a big day indeed.

The banner trip is that of the dory handliner Tattler, Capt. Alden Ceel, 500,000 pounds of salt cod, the detailed story of which will be found in another column. The other salt bank fares are sch. Mabel D. Hines, Capt. Stanley Hines, trawling; sch. Gossip, Capt. Donald McCoish, trawling; sch. Georgie Campbell, Capt. Thomas Flannagan, trawling; and sch. Arbutus, Capt. William Kemp, dory handlining. They have fares of from 170,000 to 275,000 pounds each, the latter amount being secured by schs. Mabel D. Hines and Gossip.

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From Quero bank shacking is sch. Mannasset, Capt. William Harding, with a fine catch, 75,000 pounds of salt cod and 75,000 pounds of fresh cod. Sch. Eglantine, Capt. Oscar Lyon, from Georges drifting, has 33,000 pounds of salt cod and sch. Kineo, from Georges halibuting, has 3000 pounds of halbut and a goodly amount of salt and fresh fish.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf, which put into Portland Saturday with her 14,000 pound halibut fare, brought to this port to sell at a big price.

Schs. Mary E. Harty and Parthia are home with North Bay salt mackerel trips and the Boston Bay netting steamer Quoddy is in with her third catch in a very short time, hailing for 17,000 pounds.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. James Goodwin, is home from a quick trip to Western bank with a fine catch, 75,000 pounds of fresh fish, nearly all haddock.

Yesterday and this morning the boats torchers had about 190 barrels of fresh herring. Sch. Ralph Russell came in Saturday afternoon with a good trip of pollock.

This noon sch. Maxine Elliott, Capt. Thomas Benham, arrived from her third dory handline trip of the season, coming from Quero bank with 165,000 pounds of salt cod, a fine fare for a third trip and one which will add materially to the craft's stock and share of the season. She is the first vessel of the salt bank fleet to make three trips this season.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Tattler, Virgin Rocks, dory handlining, 500,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Gossip, Quero Bank, trawl banking, 275,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Arbutus, Quero Bank, dory handlining, 175,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Georgie Campbell, Quero Bank, trawl banking, 165,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Mabel D. Hines, Quero Bank, trawl banking, 270,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Eglantine, Georges Bank, drifting, 33,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Kineo, Cape Shore, 3000 lbs. halibut, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, Brown's Bank, via Portland, 14,000 lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Western Bank, 75,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Mary E. Harty, North Bay, seining, 80 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Parthia, North Bay, seining, 50 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Speculator, shore, seining.  
Steamer Quoddy, Boston Bay, 17,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Ralph Russell, shore, 40,000 lbs. pollock.  
Boats and torchers, 190 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Galatea, shore.  
Sch. Mary Edith, shore.  
Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.  
Sch. George H. Lube, shore.  
Sch. Edith, Silveira, shore.  
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.  
Sch. Buema, shore.  
Sloop Azorean, shore.  
Sloop Vesta, shore.  
Sch. Georgianna, shore.  
Sch. Lafayette, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Valentinn, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Grace Darling, shore.  
Sch. Flavilla, shore.  
Sch. Maxine Elliott, Capt. Thomas Benham, Quero Bank, dory handlining, third trip, 165,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Tecumseh, shore.  
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Maud S. Silva, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Appomattox, pollocking.  
Sch. Volant, pollocking.  
Sch. Jubilee, pollocking.  
Sch. Pauline, pollocking.  
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.  
Sch. Tecumseh, shore.  
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Minerva, shore.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, Boston.  
Sch. Arthur James, Newfoundland, salt herring trip.  
Sch. Stranger, shore.  
Sch. Edward A. Rich, pollocking.

### Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.  
Outside sales, fresh western cod, large, \$2; market, \$1.65; haddock, 65c and 67 1/2c.  
Outside sales fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium, \$1.40.  
Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.  
Salt, dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.  
Round pollock, 55 cts. per cwt.  
Outside sales of round pollock, 60c per cwt.



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Bank halibut, 16 cts. per lb. for white, 13 cts. for gray.  
Small lots of fresh halibut, 19 cts lb.  
Flitted halibut, \$1-4 cts. per lb.  
Salt large shore mackerel, rimmed, late caught, \$33 per bbl. for large and \$22 for medium.

North Bay salt mackerel, \$22 per bbl.

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Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.

Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.

Trawl bank cod, large \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large; \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

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#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. William Goodwin will fit sch. Mina Swim for an eastern deck hand-line trip.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds came down from Boston Saturday to lay up.

Sch. Patriot was at Liverpool, N. S., on Friday.

Sch. Colonial cleared for Canso, N. S., on Friday.

Sch. John R. Bradley was at North Sydney, C. B., on Wednesday.

Sch. Rebecca is shifting over from eastern salt drifting, to market fishing.

Sch. Rose Standish has hauled out of pollocking and is putting on the dories for market fishing.

Capt. Patrick Murphy will now fit sch. Emily Cooney for market fishing.

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## FEWER FRENCH TRAWLERS NEXT YEAR

Owner of Large Fleet Says Season Has Been Unprofitable.

Direct information from French fishing centers brings the very pleasant news to Gloucester fishermen and vessel owners that the fleet of French steam trawlers on the eastern Atlantic fishing bank will be much smaller next season than this. The news comes in a private letter to one of our largest fishing concerns, and is dated at Boulogne sur Mere, France.

In the letter the writer, who is the owner of one of the largest fleets of French steam trawlers which operated on the western Atlantic banks the past season, states that he has returned from St. Pierre, Miquelon. The French sailing fishing fleet on the western Atlantic banks had been very successful this season, but the steam trawlers did not succeed so well, and (to quote the letter exactly) "this will prevent a part of them from returning again to the Newfoundland banks."

The letter also states that the damages done by the French steam trawlers had not been what was said. Most of the claims came from St. Pierre owners, who are afraid to see a large steamer fleet going there and spoiling the cod market. The writer adds that he does not say that no damage was done, but that the whole amount of damage was rather small.

#### French Trawlers Have Made Poor Catches.

The crew of one of the French steam trawlers were paid off at North Sydney Tuesday afternoon, and the boat will likely leave for France some time this week. A North Sydney dispatch says that the trawlers this year did not have very good catches, the season being rather a poor one. All the trawlers with two exceptions have now left for their home ports in France. The remaining two will likely fish until the last of the month, when they too will take their departure. It is rumored that most of them will not return next year. This will be good news to the owners of sailing vessels the operations of which have been seriously interfered with by the work of the trawlers.

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## HERRING FLEET AWAITING FISH

### No Signs Yet of Newfoundland Herring Schools.

The hoped-for good word from the herring fleet at Bay of Islands, N. F., still does not come. Special advices to the Times state that the weather is so warm that the fishermen are running around in their shirt sleeves, just as in mid-summer, and that it rains about every day. There are just a few herring; just enough to make it aggravating, and the main body of the big winter school has not yet put in appearance.

The Times' latest advices are that the present indications are poor for an early load of salt herring. The weather is very mild, with a superabundance of rain, which no doubt has considerable effect upon the migratory habits of the body of herring which annually strikes in at Bay of Islands.

Last season the herring acted similar to the way they are now acting; just a few one day and none at all the next, although last year at this time there was considerable more evidence of a body of fish than appearances now indicate.

#### First Cargo Sailed November 3 Last Year.

Last year, on November 3, sch. Essex sailed for home loaded, although it took the combined efforts of several crews to load her. The fishermen still say that the main body of the herring will strike in, but when it will come they do not know, and all the time the season is getting shorter.

On Thursday schs. S. P. Willard, Hazel R. Hines and Oregon were at Birchy Cove. Sch. Oregon got underway in the forenoon to go to Middle Arm, but on account of a heavy squall she came to anchor again. Had she kept on through it, the chances are that an accident would have happened to the fishermen's boats that were towing astern in a long string.

Chaney Hall came down from the Arms and reports no sign of herring there. There is also an absence of birds, whales and other fish species that generally follow in the wake of herring schools.

Everybody at Bay of Islands is waiting for a change of weather, having confidence that a cold snap will bring good results.

Schs. Veda M. McKown and Theodore Roosevelt are fitting for Newfoundland salt herring trips.

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#### Fresh Canadian Salmon for London Market.

Fresh Canadian salmon on the London market is the latest thing in transportation. W. W. Clark of Vancouver has returned from England, after concluding arrangements to supply Fraser River salmon to Billingsgate. Heretofore the salmon have all been frozen for shipment. After experimenting, the shipments from now on are to be salmon merely chilled, so that the fish can be sold as fresh on London market. The first order taken by Clark is for fifty tons.

#### Nova Scotia Steam Trawler Hauled Up.

The steam trawler Wren has ceased fishing for this season and left Port Hawkesbury, C. B., last week for Halifax, where she will lay up for the winter. It has been a most unprofitable season for the owners. So far steam trawling has been a failure on the Nova Scotia coast.

#### Crew Shared \$58 on Short Trip.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Capt. Albert Larkin, stocked \$2685 on her recent short fresh fishing trip to Cashes, the crew sharing \$58.44 clear.

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#### Heavy Wind This Morning Holds Fleet in Port.

It blew too hard for the torchers last night and none of the boats were over this morning with bait.

This morning the wind is very heavy from the northeast, and a big fleet of market boats have harbored here, there not being a ghost of a show to get a dip. Most of the crafts came in under riding sail.

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## BAD WEATHER CAUSED DELAY

### Sch. Manhasset's Trip Lengthened Over Two Weeks.

Capt. William Harding of sch. Manhasset, which arrived here yesterday from a shack trip to Quero Bank, reports bad weather on the fishing ground.

Things started in finely, and when the craft had been a week on the fishing ground, she had 75,000 pounds of salt cod stowed in the hold and all hands were looking to grab up 75,000 or 100,000 pounds of fresh cod to put the cream on the trip, and be home in short order. But the bad weather came, then and for two weeks there was hardly a chance to put a dory over the side.

They hung to it, however, thinking they would soon get a chance to set and finally they had to run into Canso, N. S., and get more grub, as the larder was low.

Coming back on the ground, they struck more bad weather, but managed to steal a few sets last week, grabbed up 75,000 pounds of fresh fish and came home with a rattling breeze, leaving the bank Friday, and getting here Monday morning. They got a good trip all right, though but for the weather they would have had in two weeks that which it took them over four weeks to get, as it was.

#### Portland Fish Notes.

The fishing steamer E. N. Brown met with quite a loss on Saturday night while engaged in catching herring. She had made a fine catch, estimated at about 200 barrels, down the bay, when in some way she got out of her course and grounded on the Whaleback. Efforts to float her proved unsuccessful, but in order to lighten her it became necessary to throw overboard her trip of fish, and after that was done, she floated off on the rising tide, with but little damage. The master would not take time to run up to the city, owing to the great quantities of fish in the bay, and will undoubtedly be in soon with another fare.

Some of the Gloucester skippers are certainly hustlers. The schooner Natalie J. Nelson, which arrived here last week, struck a bare market, sold his fare for \$1300 and then hustled back to Cashes Banks, and reached Boston on Friday with a fare of about 90,000 pounds, most of it going to the splitters, making a stock for the week of \$2600.

Herring receipts were quite large Sunday, nearly 600 barrels being landed. The demand is better than the supply, there being a market at the eastward for all that can be caught.

Schs. Moses B. Linscott, Emma F. Chase, Myra Sears, Mabelle and John B. Norris, from Gloucester, where they landed cured fish, were here Sunday, bound east.

Herring arrivals Sunday were, steamer Pet, 166 barrels, steamer Elthier, 91 barrels, Nellie G. York, 100 barrels, Four Brothers, 50 barrels, Sea Foam, 75 barrels.

Fresh fish arrivals Sunday were sch. Eva and Mildred, 10,000 pounds, A. P. Parkhurst, 2000 pounds, Defender, 1500 pounds.

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#### Fresh Mackerel at Boston.

More mackerel came to Boston Saturday on the Yarmouth steamer, 62 barrels of large ones. There were also a few small ones from the traps on Cape Cod, and smelts came both from Prince Edward island and from eastern Maine.

Last week the fishermen in the provinces sent five times as many mackerel to Boston as they did in the same week of last year, and the Boston market received from them last week 174 barrels against 34 barrels last year. During the week past the fishermen near Boston sent here 666 barrels and 100 boxes of fresh ground fish, and the Canadian fishermen sent 63 barrels and 10 boxes.